

Schools still fighting tax

By Mike McNamee

Despite a court ruling in favor of the state's taxation of student meals, independent colleges in Massachusetts are continuing to fight application of the 8 percent meals tax to contract meals plans.

Action on two fronts — in the courts and in the legislature — is being pushed to get college meals plan contracts exempted from the 8 percent tax imposed on them at the beginning of September.

The colleges' efforts suffered a setback two weeks ago when a Suffolk Superior Court judge ruled that he could not grant a temporary injunction to stop immediate collection of the tax. But recent developments in the legislature — developments that will come to a head this week as work on taxation and budget legislation is completed — have made the colleges hopeful of stopping the tax in the long run.

"We're still working on both fronts, and we're not about to give up," James True, a lobbyist for the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Massachusetts (AICUM), told *The Tech*. "I can't predict what the outcome will be, but I think we're hopeful of defeating this tax."

The court ruling came in a suit brought by Boston University, Holy Cross and Mount Holyoke asking for a temporary injunction to stop collection of the tax and for a ruling that the state tax commissioner's action in imposing the tax was illegal. The colleges argued that they were not given sufficient notice of the imposition of the tax and that the commissioner overstepped his authority in imposing the tax, which had never been charged on student meals plans before this year.

Although the request for a temporary injunction was denied True said that a hearing on the legality of the commissioners' action would be scheduled

"within ten days," and that the issue was "by no means closed."

"Our case is still pending, and we hope to resolve it in the next couple weeks," True explained. "The question of the validity of the commissioner's ruling is still open, and the case still has to be tried on its merits."

While the court battle goes on, AICUM has had some success in getting a legislative exemption for college meals plans, True said. The senate version of the Massachusetts tax legislation — legislation which must be completed by Oct. 31 — has a provision exempting "all meals furnished to students by public and private non-profit schools" from payment of the 8 percent tax.

Efforts to get a similar exemption written into the house bill were unsuccessful, however. "The amendment in the house was part of a package of amendments, and the entire package was defeated," he explained. "So the exemption itself hasn't been approved or disproved on its own merits in the house, but it has been passed in the senate."

Senate and house conferees will meet later this week to iron out differences between the two houses' versions of the tax bill, and the fate of the exemption will probably be decided in conference. "Conference is the next step, and there are just so many avenues that this could take that

it's really not appropriate to comment on what's going to happen," True said. "We know we have senate support, and we think the House will approve of such an exemption, so we are hopeful."

The meals tax was imposed on student contract plans after the rate was raised from 5 to 8 percent on July 1. The tax, which was first imposed in 1941, had never been applied to student meals plan contracts before this year, because the tax, which was first imposed in 1941, carried exemption for all meals costing less than \$1 — an exemption which the state used tax on student meals, since they were felt to cost less than \$1 each.

The decision to impose the tax this year was "a result of differing economics," Nicholas Metaxas of the state taxation department told *The Tech*. "In recent years it seems that the amounts charged are reaching such a level that any reasonable allocation of costs would bring the per-meal charge over \$1."

Imposition of the tax has added up to \$85 to Commons contracts for MIT students, according to Housing and Dining Service officials. AICUM estimates the revenue to be raised by imposing the tax on its 57 college members at \$1.5 million each semester.

MIT blood drive support greater than elsewhere

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that never lets down, that starts working on the next drive while the current one is still going on.

The effort spans official and unofficial offices of the Institute, students, staff, faculty, outsiders, and, of course, the American Red Cross, which actually administers the drive.

It's an effort that people usually aren't interested in. But this year, in this Fall Drive starting tomorrow, the organizational effort is going to be in the spotlight, as the "blood count" goes by the way side while drive organizers concentrate on strengthening the backbone of the drives — the network behind it.

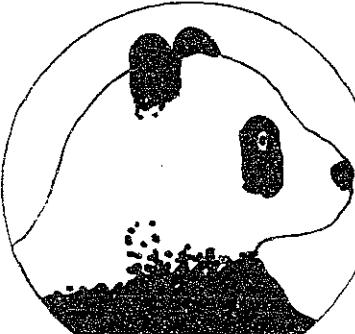
"It's a change from the past kind of drive, the publicity-intensive drive," Hunter explained. "The publicity-intensive drive we know about, and we know that it's very effective at getting the regular donors to come back and give again."

"But new people need some one to talk to, someone who's given blood before and who can describe to them what's going to happen. A lot of people are scared of the needle — no, don't say anything about being scared of needles, they shouldn't be, but they are — and someone has to talk them into giving."

So the "new kind of drive" will focus on getting people who have given blood to convince other people to give. It's focused on building up the solicitation network, on getting people — especially people in living groups — to agree to sign up their friends to give blood. The publicity-intensive drive looks at the blood count, the number of units gathered, as its sole measure; but this kind of drive, Hunter said, "will involve some other considerations."

And, finally, there are donors behind the drives. "Donors are all we have, when you get right down to it," Hunter said. "Without them, there's just no point to any of our efforts."

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Continuing education needed

By Gerald Radack

Visiting Professor Bertrand Schwartz stressed the need for continuing education and for education outside the classroom in a seminar on "Education in the Year 2000."

"If we take the idea that education must make people understand their environment and the changes in it, then we must provide a system of continuing education," Schwartz said.

Schwartz noted a difference between his concept of continuing education and what he called "recurrent education,"

which he defined as "people having to come back to school from time to time." He said that education can take place in the family, on the street, and in subways as well as in the classroom.

It is not enough, though, to offer education to adults on a continuing basis, Schwartz stated. "The school must go to the people," and must be available "when the workers are free and where they are free."

Schwartz pointed to a program in France which provided workers with "statutory study" — the money and time to stop

work and study for 40 hours a year. Very few people there take advantage of this opportunity, he said, because they would have to go to regular schools with traditional subject offerings, which would not be convenient or meet their needs.

In the area of secondary education, Schwartz called for an end to "channels" and to separate trade schools and "academic" schools. He said that all high school graduates should have trade skills, and pointed to a proposal in Germany that would have required all people entering college "to be able to hold a job."

He also suggested that students should have a three month period to talk to potential employers and unions in order to choose a career.

In calling for an end to "channels" in schools, Schwartz said, "we must reject all discrimination by failure."

"We must spend more money and more teachers" for people who are below average in achievement in order to achieve "equality of opportunity," Schwartz asserted.



Visiting Professor Bertrand Schwartz

NOTES

* "The Domestic Economic Crisis" will be the topic addressed by Frank Ackerman, co-editor of *Dollars and Sense*, a monthly bulletin of economic affairs published by members of the Union of Radical Political Economists, on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 7:30pm in the West Lounge of the Student Center. This is the second of three talks on political economy in SACC's Social Issues Forum.

* The Writing Program will hold its first-of-the-year, Halloween-style, gala Open Reading! Come, read your work, listen to others, partake of Halloween refreshments. Everyone is welcome, so join us on Thursday, October 30 from 3:30 to 6:30 in the Crafts library of Senior House. For more information call the Writing Program at x7894.

* Tickets to the Boston Ballet's Nov. 6, 7, 8, and 9 performance are now available at the TCA office, Room 450 of the Student Center. Students with id's may purchase the tickets at a \$3 savings on the \$12.50 and \$10.50 tickets, and a \$2.50 savings on the \$7.00 tickets. The performance will feature the world premiere of the contemporary "Carmina Burana," a medieval spectacle choreographed by Lorenzo Montreal and accompanied by the Master Works Choral.

* Director of Admissions Peter Richardson would like to encourage all MIT students who plan to apply for graduate work at the Institute during 1976 to apply by November 1 as an aid to the students involved, Department Graduate Offices and his own office staff.

* The Humanities Department will sponsor a Poetry Reading Wednesday, October 29 at 7pm in 14E-304. Students are invited to attend.

* NSF Graduate Fellowship pre-application forms are now available in the Graduate School Office, Room 3-136. The deadline date for final applications is Dec. 1.

* Tickets for the LSC sponsored lecture by Art Buchwald to be held on Monday, Nov. 10, are now available for \$1.00 at all LSC movies.

* Famous harpsichordist Gustav Leonhardt will teach a master class at the New England Conservatory of Music, 290 Huntington Avenue, Boston, on Tuesday evening, October 28 at 8pm. The program, scheduled to be held in Brown Hall, is presented by the Conservatory's Department of Early Music. The class will deal with the *Unmeasured Preludes* of Louis Couperin and the *Toccatas* of Frescobaldi. The fee for visiting participants is \$15 and \$5 for auditors. Call Blanche Winogron at the Conservatory, 262-112, for further information.

* Wellesley College Fall Weekend has been scheduled for Friday-Sunday, Nov. 7-9, with the following events planned: Friday: 4:30-6:30 — TSIF Happy Hour at Schneider; 9:30 — Vice President's Mixer at Tower Court; 10 — Coffeehouse with *Beckett* at Schneider. Saturday: 12-4 — Scavenger Hunt, with teams of up to six people competing for prizes, starting at the President's House; 8:30-12 — Sadie Hawkins Dance, Ladies Choice all night, at Alumnae Hall; 10:30 — Occult Night at Schneider; 11 — Cabaret, a semi-formal dance, in Ethos; 11pm-5am — Films in 112 Pendleton. Sunday: 12 — Log Chopping Contest at Schneider Tennis Courts; 12-5 — Society for Creative Anachronism Tournament at Jewett MIT bus stop field; 2-4 — Jitterbug Workshop at Alumnae Hall; 6:30 — End-the-Weekend Bonfire, bring your own marshmallows, Schneider Tennis Courts.

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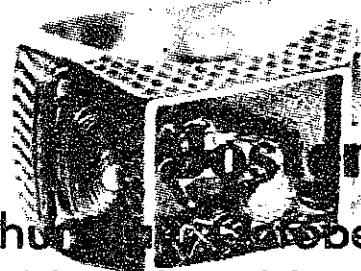
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Opinion

Letter Discrimination Reply

To the Editor:

I do not intend to continue this debate over black admission policy throughout the school year, but I strongly feel that my letter last week, termed 'blatantly ridiculous' by Mr. Hampton, that represents my views and the views of many of the people I have spoken with, must be followed up and enlarged upon before it is allowed to die. This letter will also attempt to clarify the basic philosophical differences between us and thereby conclude this discussion.

My first reaction to Mr. Hampton's follow-up article was disappointment that he found it necessary to stoop to name-calling to defend his position. His response to two honest attempts at rebuttal was to call Ms. Kayton and myself "narrow, closed and bigoted" and included a sneer at "the precious few (?) other persons with similar beliefs." Fortunately, he did also write an intelligible rebuttal that defined his position better than his first column, permitting me now to deal with his arguments in a more exact way.

The ambiguity in this discussion is what constitutes qualification for admission to MIT. When I mentioned "underqualified persons" I had in mind the idea of the number of qualified persons being a function of the degree of quality, a combination of both potential and knowledge. (Mr. Hampton emphasizes just potential). And if the admissions office wants to take the "most qualified students available" it will simply choose a cut off point that gives them the necessary admission class size. In this sense a quota for any group would unquestionably lead to admission of "underqualified persons." (At no point are either of us questioning the criteria of the admissions office. We are both accepting that their judgments are valid.)

Mr. Hampton has increased the size of the "qualified applicant pool" to those with a given potential, regardless of school background. This would be a larger pool that could theoretically include more blacks, many of whom were just the victims of a poor school system.

He then asks: "Should such unfortunate persons be denied admission to MIT? Should MIT and the American society as a whole turn its back on potential contributors to society because of race, class or environment?" I answer yes to the first question and no to the second. These statements are not tautologies. My position is not inconsistent.

MIT is an institution of higher learning. Not only is the

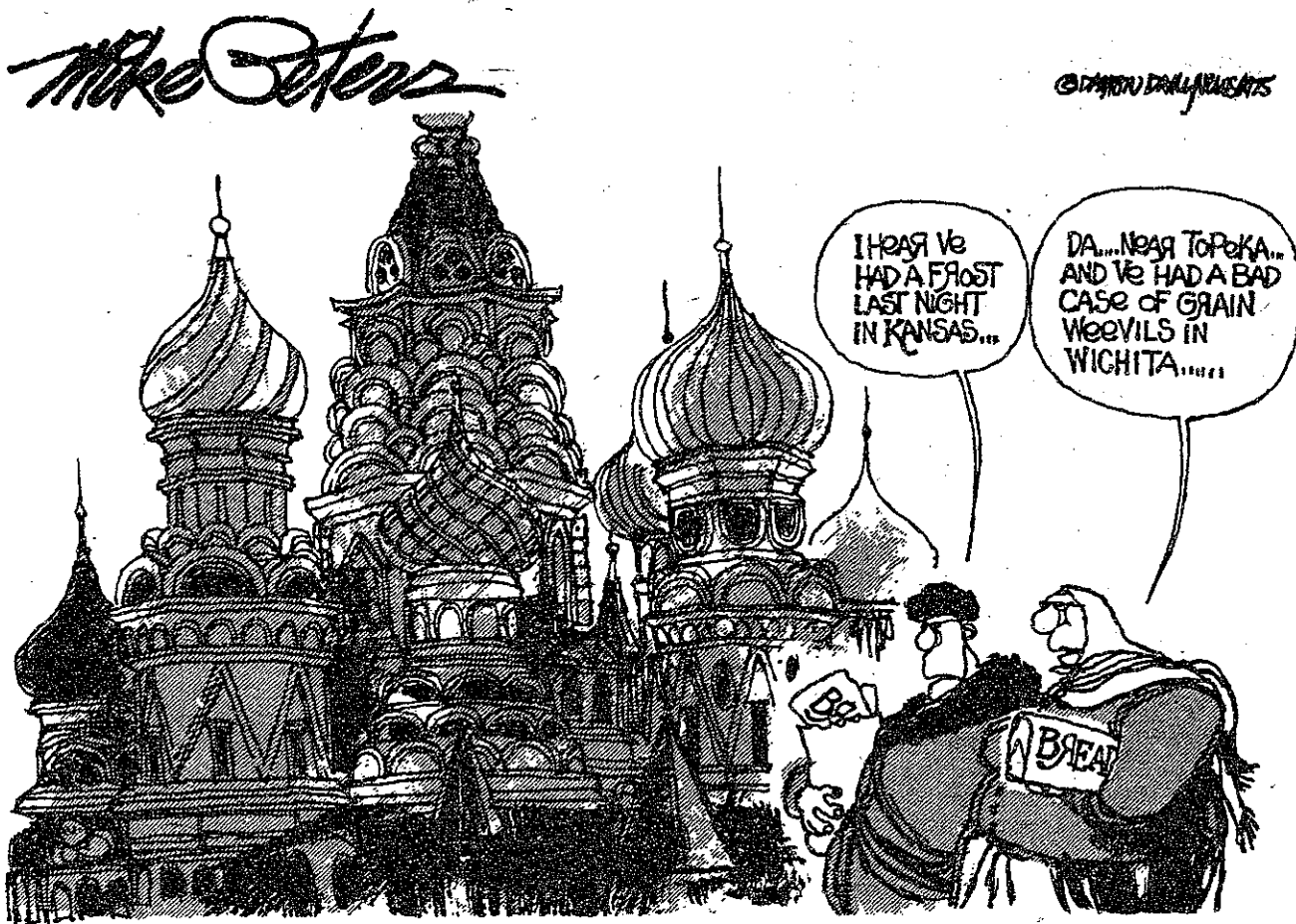
teaching geared to "college level" instruction, being one of the top universities in the country its standards are even higher than most. Therefore, when someone with the potential, but with a 7th grade education, knocks on the door for admission should he, for any reason, be admitted? If the public system is a failure for him then he must go to the private sector, a different high school, junior college or even another university to prepare for an MIT education. It seems like a waste of resources and time to have MIT engaged in teaching high school courses that could equally well have been taught at any number of other places, rather than concentrating in the area in which we have expertise. And why should such a person want to attend a school that is beyond his present capabilities and one of the most expensive in the country? Let him go elsewhere, and when he has the background (he won't lose his potential) MIT will welcome him with open arms and he will be at a stage where he can best advantage from what MIT has to offer. At worst I am suggesting a lag in the time he eventually graduates; and maybe not even in that since he still must make for his deficient background here or elsewhere. Rather than spending six frustrating years at MIT, why not two years at X junior college and four enjoyable years at MIT?

The last important point to be clarified is the question of priorities within the above guidelines. The MIT administration and Mr. Hampton are here in agreement, in opposition to me. They are both of the opinion that MIT should take potentially qualified blacks and patch-up their education here. Mr. Hampton feels that all such blacks should be accepted and berates the administration for not putting enough effort into that endeavor. ("I only request that none of the qualified applicants to whom admission to MIT (is) denied is from a minority group.") (emphasis mine)

This is his position, and may in fact be necessary to more than incrementally increase the number of blacks both at MIT and in science related fields. But we should not delude ourselves that this is equality, rather recognize that we are making a conscious policy decision in subsidizing the black community in its efforts to achieve affirmative action goals.

It is not that I am necessarily opposed to the support, but that I want it to be seen for what it is — and what it is not.

Jesse Abraham '77
October 27, 1975



Commentary

Prospects for fusion hurt?

(The following "Commentary" was submitted by Chuck Stevens for the US Labor Party's Research and Development Staff. The opinions expressed here are those of the USLP, and not those of The Tech.)

By Chuck Stevens, et al.

Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr., 1976 Presidential candidate of the US Labor Party, announced recently conclusive evidence of an operational policy to systematically undermine controlled fusion research as the precondition for the discrediting and virtual extinction of the US fusion program. The Labor Party has called for a full Congressional investigation of this criminal sabotage by the Rockefeller-Ford Administration and is making available to the appropriate Congressional committees complete documentation — part of which appears below.

"The shift from a policy of retarding development to one of consciously forcing failure is now being implemented in order to eliminate the most obvious alternative to the manifestly insane Energy Independence Authority (EIA)," LaRouche said. "The EIA is the institutional base through which the demented Rockefellers hope to conjure up a multi-billion prop for their patently bankrupt holdings. The cost of such a scheme is nothing less than the final gutting of American industry and labor power."

The USLP sees the development of fusion — safe, cheap, and unlimited energy — as assuring the advance of the economic infrastructure necessary for the maintenance and development of the US which is the key sector in world development. Therefore it is no exaggeration to say that the planned gutting of fusion is Rockefeller and Company's most criminal act to date. In escalating looting demands from \$100 billion to \$800 billion, then several trillion for the EIA — as Vice President Rockefeller did in a recent speech — the world's most advanced work force would be reduced to the hand-squeezing of shale oil.

The essential feature of the operational policy to abort fusion research is the step-by-step procedure of cutting back and narrowing down the scientific base of development. The burden of achieving reactor conditions will then be left to one device, the Tokamak, which, as presently conceived, cannot

provide sufficient net energy density. In fact, it can be demonstrated that, despite significant research advances, this is true for all individual fusion devices presently under development.

All but one of the four major National Fusion Labs funded by the Energy Research and Development Administration and the three main-line approaches to magnetic confinement of fusion plasmas are being shifted into vague "technology" development projects:

— When its Ormak Tokamak is turned off in the near future, the Oak Ridge Lab in Tennessee will deal almost exclusively with engineering for Tokamak reactors: producing magnets, materials, and neutral beams for plasma heating.

— The Los Alamos lab in California was warned that Scyllac, the high beta toroidal theta pinch (a confinement scheme which makes efficient use of magnetic field energy) faces an immediate shutoff of ERDA funds.

— Despite major experimental breakthroughs recently achieved with the magnetic mirror machine at Lawrence Livermore lab in California, this device and the theoretical teams working on it are slated to become mere technology development adjuncts to the tokamak.

Even in the case of significant frontier secondary efforts such as the MIT Francis Bitter National Magnet Lab's high field Tokamak, the Alcator, there are plans to turn this project over to CIA-controlled MIT, downgrading work on this device to mere "educational" activities.

Although these policies are not yet fully implemented, the threatened and operational cutbacks have been sufficient to limit main-line research to one laboratory — Princeton — and one approach — the Tokamak.

At the same time, auxiliary experimental work designed to thoroughly examine theoretical hypotheses has been almost totally gutted over the last five years in order to make room for Tokamak development; research in new, exploratory approaches has been severely cut back in this period.

As for laser and electron beam pellet fusion, the inertial confinement of fusion plasmas, the Livermore Lab suddenly reversed the stated ERDA policy and refused to make available — even to other government labs

with security clearance (in this instance, Los Alamos) — copies of LASNEX, the most advanced computer code for simulating laser pellet fusion.

The Soviet-designed and Soviet-developed Tokamak is accepted as the most successful approach to efficiently confine thermonuclear grade plasmas. There is little doubt that within the next year, Soviet scientists working on the T-10 model at the Kurchatov Institute in Moscow will demonstrate that the Tokamak is scientifically capable of achieving "break-even" energy production, producing more energy than is required to construct the system. But as the Soviets note, the situation is paradoxical.

The Tokamak produces what is best described as "dirty plasma" so called because of impurities from the Tokamak walls, and poorly understood microprocesses. On the basis of existing experimental and theoretical knowledge, the Tokamak will not be able to proceed much beyond a break-even point. The current behavior of tokamak plasma is unpredictable, and the situation is sure to worsen as previously uninvestigated phenomena such as trapped mirror modes and synchrotron radiation appear when fusion conditions are achieved in the Tokamak.

The underlying pathology, which Rockefeller's fusion sabotage aggravates in the American scientific community, is the belief that a crucial breakthrough can be accomplished by one individual or a single team led by one individual. By multiplying the same kind of experiment, this phony theory goes, computers can process numerical data and obtain the magical optimal conditions for a power reactor.

This kind of thinking, as the Labor Party has fully explained in its 1976 Presidential campaign platform, obstructs breakthroughs in science. The main-line approaches to CTR must take the form of experiments designed to push the boundaries of basic science, developing an atmosphere of creative work that allows for creative breakthroughs.

Rockefeller and his ERDA dupes know that by limiting CTR to one approach and virtually one laboratory, the program is assured of failure.

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Dropouts stay out, stats show

By Thomas Mayer

Dropping out of MIT is not only more common but apparently more permanent than many people believe.

Statistics from the Registrar's Office indicate that 14-18 percent of students admitted don't receive a degree from the Institute. The figures show that a sizable number of students withdraw from MIT, and, contrary to the common slogan claiming that withdrawals are temporary, the percentage of students withdrawn is stable or increases with time.

MIT officials can't explain what effect these figures have on the common assertion that anyone who is admitted is smart enough to get through MIT. Associate Dean for Student Affairs James J. Bishop estimates that about half of all withdrawals are for academic reasons, but he also estimates that most students who withdraw come back.

Jane Dickson, Assistant to the Chairman of the Committee on Academic Performance (CAP) has suggested that the Vietnam War may possibly have affected the statistics by keeping withdrawn students from returning to MIT. However, this explanation would also indicate a change in the number of students withdrawn after the collegiate draft deferment was cancelled in 1969. No such change is apparent.

Part of the problem with withdrawal statistics is that students withdraw in many ways outside of the formal process, and some of them don't show up on the statistics. In addition to withdrawing formally, students withdraw by dropping all of their classes, by not showing up for the next term, or by not completing the registration process. In the last case, some students "withdraw" after failing to pay tuition, and are then readmitted through the Dean's Office immediately after payment is made.

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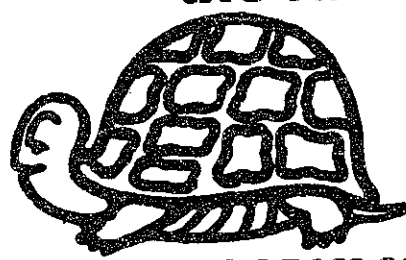
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Hudock of Student Affairs give a grand total of 866 readmissions through both Student Affairs and the CAP between January, 1973, and October, 1975, but nobody knows how many of these readmissions are in response to same-term withdrawals such as the tuition case, withdrawals that don't show up on the Registrar's figures.

In general, no one has a firm explanation for why 14-18 percent of all students don't come back for a degree. Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Cleovonne Turner is in charge of Student Counseling's first attempt to gather information on withdrawals or readmissions, but the study was slowed over the summer by questions of the amount of data required and the degree of computerization. The study may not be finished until next fall.

Most officials agree, however, that students leave the Institute of their own free will. The number of students requested to leave by the CAP has not exceeded 80 since a peak of 57 Negotiated Withdrawals and 26 Disqualifications in academic year 1970-71. In fact, the Committee has not issued a Disqualification - signifying permanent

separation from the Institute and appearing on external records as such, since Spring of 1974. The CAP officially dropped Disqualification as a possible action last year, relying completely on Negotiated Withdrawals which, while requesting the student to withdraw appear on external records as voluntary withdrawals. The CAP issued 72 Negotiated Withdrawals last year.

The CAP makes its decisions on Negotiated Withdrawals in two stages at the end of each term. The committee first reviews the academic record of every student in Institute Grades Meetings, taking minor actions such as Warnings at that meeting. Records of students who are possibilities for Negotiated Withdrawals is taken at the Deferred Action meeting. Any student under consideration for a negotiated withdrawal is asked to fully inform the CAP of any circumstances affecting his situation. Those students who are likely prospects for Negotiated Withdrawals receive a "hard" letter, stating that "on the basis of the information presently available to us, we find that it may be inadvisable for you to continue at MIT next term."

Summary of CAP actions

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2nd year	1	6	47	1067	2nd year	2	15	43	1062
3rd year	2	7 ^{*1}	37	965	3rd year	2	6 ^{*1}	38	907
4th year	11	16	1062		4th year	8 ^{*2}	15	1111	
TOTAL	3	25 ^{*1}	139	4137	TOTAL	4	38 ^{*5}	132	4111

FALL, 1973				SPRING, 1974					
	D	NW	W	TR		D	NW	W	TR
Freshmen	1	28	888		Freshmen	8	33	902	
2nd year	8 ^{*3}	50	1113		2nd year	12 ^{*3}	52	1122	
3rd year	10 ^{*1}	29	990		3rd year	10 ^{*4}	31	950	
4th year	6 ^{*1}	35	1087		4th year	3	9 ^{*2}	10	897
TOTAL	0	25 ^{*5}	142	4078	TOTAL	3	39 ^{*9}	126	3871

FALL, 1974				SPRING, 1975					
	D	NW	W	TR		D	NW	W	TR
Freshmen	1 ^{*1}	39	1043		Freshmen	13 ^{*3}	36	1031	
2nd year	7 ^{*4}	38			2nd year	12 ^{*1}	43		
3rd year	12 ^{*3}	49			3rd year	17 ^{*7}	30		
4th year	8 ^{*5}	43			4th year	7 ^{*3}	24		
TOTAL	0	28 ^{*13}	169		TOTAL	0	44 ^{*14}	133	

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Graduated	2	72	81	83	84
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CLASS OF '69					
Undergraduate	87	22	6	3	1
Graduated	1	64	79	83	85
Withdrawn	12	14	15	14	14
CLASS OF '70					
Undergraduate	85	24	6	3	2
Graduated	1	61	76	79	80
Withdrawn	14	15	18	18	18
CLASS OF '71					
Undergraduate	86	22	4	2	
Graduated	2	64	80	82	
Withdrawn	12	14	16	16	
CLASS OF '72					
Undergraduate	84	18	6		
Graduated	2	66	78		
Withdrawn	14	16	16		
CLASS OF '73					
Undergraduate	80	16			
Graduated	5	69			
Withdrawn	15	15			
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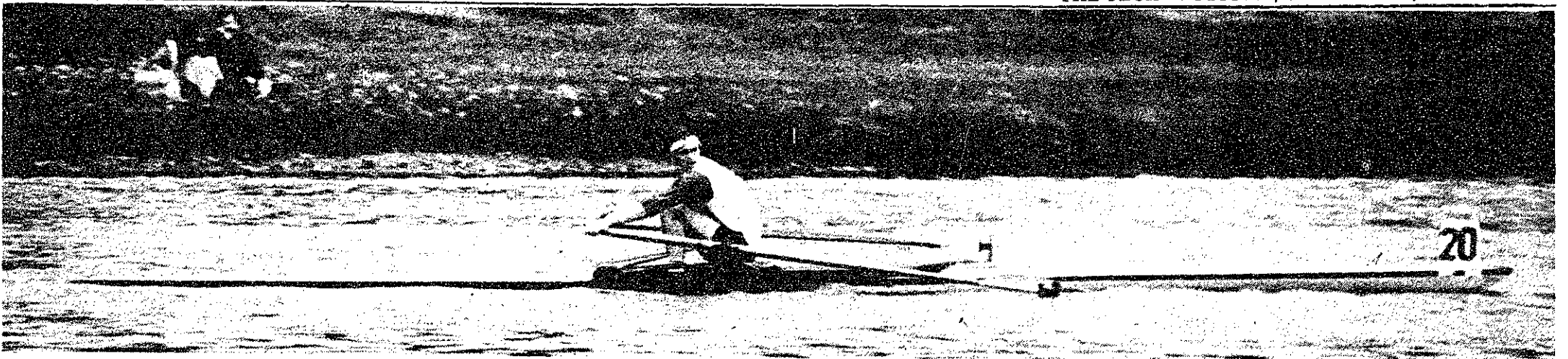
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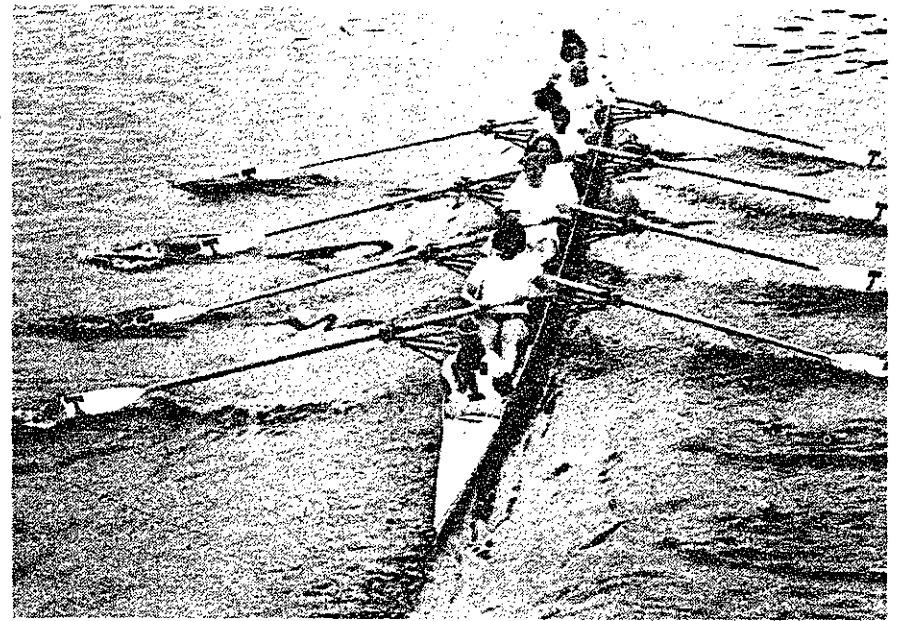
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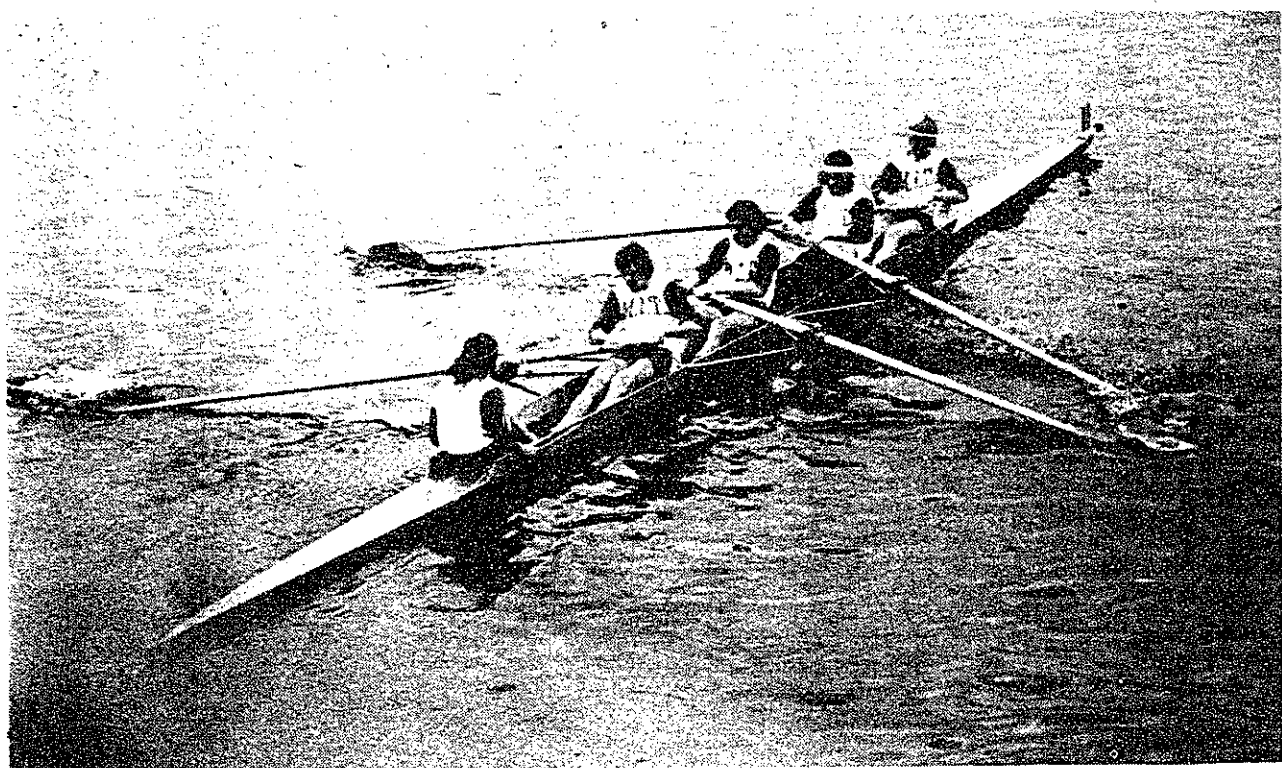
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Sports



An MIT lightweight four with coxswain (one of 22 shells entered by Institute-affiliated oarspeople) competes in Sunday's eleventh annual Head-of-the-Charles regatta. Although the four did not place in the top ten, many MIT crews were successful. For more photos, see page 7.

Brandeis outruns cross-country

By Dave Dobos

The MIT cross country team defeated Boston University and Bentley while losing to Brandeis Saturday at Franklin Park. In action last Tuesday the Engineers placed fifth in the Greater Boston Championships.

The quadrangular contest over the weekend completed MIT's dual meet season with a record of 8-4. The Brandeis team won the race with a low score of 27. The Engineers followed with 53 and Bentley (60) and BU (93) trailed.

Winning by over 130 yards, Frank Richardson '77 paced to his fifth straight dual meet victory, finishing the season with an unblemished record. Over the past two years he has only lost once in dual meet competition.

As a whole, however, the Engineers ran quite uninspiringly. Had it not been for the heroics of freshman Barry Bayus (third for MIT, 12th overall), the squad would have lost to

Bentley as well. Chris Svendsgaard '78, Steve Keith '77, and senior captain Courtney McCracken rounded out the scoring five in unimpressive times of 26:35, 26:45, and 26:49, respectively. With the exception of seniors Jim Walton and Dave McDonough who, in their last career dual meet appearances, ran personal bests, the rest of the varsity eleven performed inadequately also.

The Brandeis squad raced without the presence of its top four runners, but still managed to hand its foes a most convincing defeat. The Judges are currently rated third among the nation's Division III colleges and are a good bet to capture the National Championships which they will host at Franklin Park on November 15.

In the GBC's, MIT missed fourth place by a single point as Northeastern literally ran away with the championship. Brandeis surprised Harvard for second.

Boston College placed fourth with Tufts and BU trailing MIT. Richardson raced to eighth to lead the Engineers.

Saturday, MIT hosts the Eastern Championships at Franklin Park. All the small colleges in New England will compete. This is the first of three consecutive weekends of championship meets climaxing with the Nationals.

V-ball tops Northeastern for fifth straight victory

By Caren Penso

The MIT women's volleyball team extended its winning streak to eleven regular season matches when it trounced Northeastern University Thursday night 15-4, 15-10, bringing MIT's record so far this season to 5-0. More important than the win, however, was the spectator turnout, as about 40 people gathered in duPont Gymnasium to watch the MIT squad square off against a school well-known for its physed majors and athletic dominance.

MIT started off slowly as its first five servers were unable to serve the ball in the court. Northeastern, however, was only able to rack up four points as the MIT defense, anchored by Lisa Albright '78 and Sue Coppersmith '78, bought off the attack.

MIT mounted its offensive attack when Karyn Altman '78 started to serve. Spikers Linda Yester '76 and Sheila Luster '78 found holes in the Northeastern defense while Coppersmith and Lisa Jablonski '77 set them up.

From that point on the MIT defense did not allow the

Hockey team going club on one-year trial basis

By Gordon Magonet

(Gordon Magonet '76 is a member of MIT's hockey team.)

The MIT athletic department, acting on the recommendation of head coach Wayne Pecknold and the support of the players, has decided to change the status of MIT's hockey program from a varsity to a club sport, on a one year trial basis.

The primary reason for the change was that MIT has had little success against its opponents for the past few years, losing all of its games the last two seasons. MIT's recruiting ban has placed limitations on the quality of players available, while other schools have been able to upgrade their programs substantially by luring high school talent to play for them.

The decision will make all MIT students eligible to play intercollegiate hockey, not merely undergraduates.

It is hoped that this will improve the quality of the pool of players trying out and will increase the competition among players trying to make the team.

A minimum of 50% of the players on the top team will be undergraduates under the new plan, but all undergrads who do not make the first team will be put on the junior varsity squad with the understanding that they may be called to play for the first squad at any time during the year.

Another change this year will be the revision of the schedule, as several of the teams that beat MIT by lopsided scores last year have been dropped to make room for more comparable opponents.

Should the changes made this year prove favorable to the MIT hockey program as a whole, they may be made permanent.

Springfield steadiness stops soccer squad, 4-0

By Gregg Fenton

(Gregg Fenton '77 is the MIT varsity soccer manager.)

The MIT varsity soccer team was overmatched by a New England-ranked Springfield College squad Friday night, losing 4-0. Although MIT showed no lack of effort, the better skilled home team controlled the ball and kept play out of its own end.

At the start MIT brought the ball upfield easily, but soon

Springfield took control. The wide field allowed a lot of movement while the ball did not move up or downfield appreciably.

After several outside shots, one excellent Springfield kick from 30 yards went in the far upper corner of the goal. Two minutes later, a corner kick resulted in a deflected shot goal and a 2-0 lead for the home eleven. The rest of the first half was scoreless.

The second half was also played mostly in the Engineer end. With the continued pressure, scoring seemed to be inevitable, and two more goals were tallied. Springfield's scores at 15 minutes and 30 minutes were on unspectacular plays.

The whole team played hard, but the defense had the most work. Frieder Krups '77 returned from an injury to play fullback, and was a welcome sight with a very strong performance.

Playing one of the top teams in New England and keeping the game respectable was not as gratifying as a win. However, upcoming games against more evenly matched opponents should improve MIT's record. The Engineers' next game is today at 3:00, against Tufts University at Briggs Field.

Sporting Notices

Rosters for IM Basketball must be submitted to the IM Basketball mailbox by 5pm tomorrow. No further team entries will be accepted.

A captain clinic will be held Thursday at 7:30pm in room 1-230. All teams must send a representative to one clinic (one was held last night).

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Women's swimming team practice begins Monday at 4pm at Alumni Pool. All in-

terested in competing for the team should attend the first practice.

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